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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicants:</b> Anthony Eugene Zortea	<b>Docket No:</b> 3516.US.P
<b>Serial Number:</b> 09/942,820	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> 2631
<b>Filed:</b> August 30, 2001	<b>Examiner:</b> Juan A. Torres
<b>Re:</b> NEAR-END CROSS-TALK AND ECHO AVOIDER FOR BI- DIRECTIONAL DIGITAL COMMUNICATION	

January 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment responds to the non-final Office Action (mailed October 27, 2005) received in connection with the above-captioned application.

A "Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b)" and a "Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form" are filed herewith. Reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks and amendments submitted herein is requested.

**Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.